

Whiteside School District #115
Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2025
Whiteside Middle School

Administrators: Mark Heuring, Monica Laurent, Nathan Rakers, Kim Bossler, Jaime Cotto, Chris Stinnett

Visitors: as noted on the sign-in sheet

1.0) Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

President Rod Euchner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0) Roll Call of Members

Board Members present: Jeremy Bochantin, Angela Dickerson, Rod Euchner, Hamze Fares, Derek Houston (joined at 7:04), Christine Mitchell-Endsley, and Nancy Sanchez.

3.0) Accept / Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

4.0) Public Comment

President Rod Euchner welcomed the visitors and members of the WFT, the Maintenance team, and Mrs. Connolly.

No public comment.

5.0) Consent Items

5.1) Approve minutes from Special Meeting, July 16, 2025

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Dickerson to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on July 17, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

5.2) Approve minutes from Closed Special Meeting, July 16, 2025

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to approve the minutes from the Closed Special Meeting on July 16, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

5.3) Approve minutes from Regular Meeting, July 17, 2025

Motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 17, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

5.4) Approve minutes from Closed Meeting, July 17, 2025

Motion by Bochantin, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Meeting on July 17, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

5.5) Approve minutes from the Special Meeting, July 28, 2025.

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on July 28, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

5.6) Approve minutes from the Closed Special Meeting, July 28, 2025

Motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the minutes from the Closed Special Meeting on July 28, 2025. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

5.7) Approve the August 21, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to approve the August 21, 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

5.8) Approve the August 21, 2025 Claims / Bills Payable.

Motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the August 21, 2025 claims / bills payable as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

6.0) Board Secretary Coorespondence

Email to the Board from the PTC inviting them to the upcoming PTC Picnic

Thank you note from the Euchner Family

7.0) Administrative Reports

7.1) Elementary School Report - Mr. Rakers reviewed his written report

7.2) Middle School Report - Mrs. Laurent reviewed her written report

In addition, Mrs. Laurent shared that the Baseball and Softball teams are off to a great start. She also reported that Maliki Smith donated his MBA Jersey to Whiteside.

7.3) Superintendent Report - Mr. Heuring reviewed his written report.

Mr. Fares asked it was possible to communicate construction updates out to the community. Mr. Heuring shared that S.M. Wilson was already working on setting up a camera and linking the feed to the website. This would allow community members to watch the progress of the building. Mr. Heuring also shared that GRP is working with the district on getting the Solar Dash Board set up.

8.0) Committee Items

8.1) Policy Meeting

Committee meeting set for August 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm

8.2) Finance Meeting

Committee meeting set for September 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm

8.3) Building and Grounds meeting

Committee meeting set for September 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm

9.0) New Business

9.1) First reading of Press 119.

Motion by Sanchez, second by Fares to approve the first reading of Press 119.

Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.2) FY 26 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Heuring went over the highlights of the FY 26 budget. We are projected to finish with a balanced budget.

Discussion was held on the Transportation portion of the budget. This deficit will need to be addressed in the future. Mr. Fares asked if it is possible to share issues with the bus company and negotiate transportation costs. Mr. Heuring stated he would inquire if the bus company is using optimizing bus route software.

Motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the FY 26 Preliminary Budget as presented. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.3) Approve FY 26 Daily Sub Rate

Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the FY 26 Daily Sub Rate of \$135 and \$165 for retired Whiteside Teachers. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.4) Approve Elementary Door Lock Replacement

Dave Thompson and Terry Haas have confirmed that all doors lock. HLS dollars can be used to update the Elementary Doors to lock from inside the classrooms.

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez to approve the Elementary Door Lock Replacement quote. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

9.5) Appoint IASB Delegate

Motion by Bochantin, second by Fares to appoint Derek Houston as IASB Delegate. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

9.6) Aims Web Assessment Data and Benchmark

Mrs. Connolly shared the 24-25 Aims Web Assessment and Benchmark Data with the Board of Education. She gave examples of she can disaggregate the information if the Board would like to look at specific areas. One area of interest to the Board was how our Whiteside Pre-K students compare to Kindergarten students new to school.

Mrs. Connolly explained how classroom teachers use the data.

No Action taken

10.0) Closed Session

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Fares to enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), discussion of legal matters, and student discipline. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Board went into Closed session at 8:31 pm

Motion by Mitchell-Endsley, second by Sanchez to leave closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), discussion of legal matters, and student discipline. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

Board returned to Open session at 9:22 pm

11.0) Action Items (pertaining to closed session)

11.1) District Safety Report

No report at this time.

11.2) Tuition Reimbursement

11.2) 1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Bochantine to approve the tuition reimbursement for Erin Connolly. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.2) 2. Move the previous roll for Kate Sorg. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.2) 3. Move the previous roll for Alexa Brazwell. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.2) 4. Move the previous roll for Sarah Pugh. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.3) Approval of proposed consent judgement agreement

Motion by Fares, second by Mitchell-Endsley to approve the proposed consent judgement agreement relating to the pending Village of Shiloh TIF Litigation. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.4) Approval of District Resignations

11.4) 1. Motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to approve the resignation of Donna Scales - MS Custodian. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.4) 2. Move the previous roll for Grant McKee - ES Custodian. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.4) 3. Move the previous roll for Porsche Hopson - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.4) 4. Move the previous roll for Jessica Fagan - ES Teacher. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.4) 5. Move the previous roll for Rhonda Graham - ES Paraprofessional. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.5) Employment of District Teachers

11.5) 1. Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to employ Emily Roberts - 6th Gr Math Teacher. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.5) 2. Move the previous roll for Carmen Yezmin Hagar - MS MTSS Math Teacher. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.6) Employment of Elementary School Secretary

Motion by Fares, second by Dickerson to employ Carolyn Weber as the Elementary School year-round building level secretary. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.7) Employment of Paraprofessionals

Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to employ Markel Wade as a middle school paraprofessional. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.8) Employment of ESP personnel

11.8) 1. Motion by Sanchez, second by Mitchell-Endsley to employ Sara Fisher - ESP (after school care) employee. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.8) 2. Move the previous roll for Kaiden Owens - ESP Employee. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

11.9) Employment of Permanent Sub

Motion by Fares, second by Bochantin to employ Danielle Schlichter as a Permanent Sub at the Elementary School. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.10) Employment of Custodians

11.10) 1 Motion by Fares, second by Sanchez to employ Michael Leveling as a custodian in the district. Roll Call: Bochantin - yes, Dickerson - yes, Euchner - yes, Fares - yes, Houston - yes, Mitchell-Endsley - yes, Sanchez - yes. Motion carried.

11.10) 2 Move the previous roll for Lacey Crews. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

12.0) Adjournment

Having no further business motion by Bochantin, second by Sanchez to adjourn. Ayes - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.



Rod Euchner, President

Karla McKee, Secretary